

# FAWKS NEWS

Extended Use Dates | Casual Sales | 503B Outsourcing Facilities

## Extended Use Dates

Expiration date extensions supported by stability data from manufacturers for specific drug products.


## Casual Sales

Transfer, delivery or distribution of a prescription drug to another entity entitled to possess prescription drugs.

## 503B Outsourcing Facilities

Manufacturing pharmacies that can produce large batches of medications without patient-specific prescriptions.



 : FAWKS at CASCA 2024

## Drug Shortages

Typical in every newsletter or PSA that takes on a broad issue, such as drug shortages, there is a strong desire to showcase EVERYTHING about the issue. Instead of discussing the genesis of the issue along with its far reaching impacts, let's do something different! Let's forego the causes and impact on patient care and instead focus on the solutions. That's right! Drug shortages are occurring because of forces outside our circle of control AND it can have a negative impact on patient care.

### Solutions to Drug Shortages

Using the principle of Occam's razor - the simplest solution is almost always the best. Start here:



## FAWKS Call to Action!

It is not enough to say - "It's on back order"

With regarding to Health Department inspections, they will want to know:

What have you done AND what are you continuing to do to obtain the product. Be able to present your case.

- Document your efforts! If you don't, then it never happened
- If you want to keep an expired product in the meantime, then consider keeping it with other expired products (i.e. not commingled)
- A note wrapped around an expired product does not prevent a deficiency
- When in doubt - ASK US!



1. **Extended Use Dates:** Simplest place to start is the FDA's list of Extended Use dates (link below). This list is not very large at the moment (Only 31 entries at last check), however, this list is dynamic so it is worth checking.

Link: <https://www.fda.gov/drugs/drug-shortages/search-list-extended-use-dates-assist-drug-shortages>

2. **ASHP's Drug Shortages List:** Barring the medication medication being on the FDA's List of Extended Use Dates, the next place to go is ASHP's Drug Shortages List (link below). This incredibly valuable resource will give you current products affected, reason for the shortage, available alternatives and estimated resupply dates.

Link: <https://www.ashp.org/drug-shortages/current-shortages/drug-shortages-list?page=CurrentShortages>

3. **Casual Sales:** Now is the time to make humble inquiries to your fellow ASC and/or hospital friends. The ASC world is small! It is imperative we create and maintain good relationships with other ASCs and hospitals in your area. If you are part of a larger group of ASCs with common ownership this process can be even easier. Once the product you need is located it is simply a matter of transportation (i.e. passenger seat of your car) and a simple one page form that serves as the "invoice" called the Casual Sales Form. Ask your consultant pharmacist for help
4. **Get Creative:** Need D25 - Have instructions for diluting D50 when needed. Need Lidocaine w/ epinephrine - add lidocaine to epinephrine when needed. Can we substitute the backordered medication? Again, this is where your consultant pharmacist brings value.
5. **503B Outsourcing Facilities:** Previously known as "503B Compounding Pharmacies" these places can and will help with drug shortages. Generally they provide a current list of what they manufacture online. They change what they are manufacturing frequently so it is worth checking back from time to time.